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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 15-19, 22-23, 25, 27-36, and 39-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 11, 12, 14 and 20 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

The specification has herein above been amended to update the priority data for the subject application.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification and to the claims do not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the three references that are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A-B (2 pages). A copy of the one non-patent reference is attached hereto. These references were cited in the PCT International Search Report issued in connection with International Application PCT/US2005/013222. A copy of the International Search Report and Written Opinion is submitted with the subject application.

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CONCLUSION

A check for \$300.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fees for a small entity for 1) the basic national fee ($\$300.00 \div 2 = \150.00), 2) examination fee ($\$200.00 \div 2 = \100.00), and 3) search fee ($\$100.00 \div 2 = \50.00). No other fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application, Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any other fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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